



Graduate School Commencement Ceremony

FRIDAY, MAY 16, 1997

Program

Welcome

A most cordial welcome is extended to relatives, friends, faculty members, alumni, administrators, and staff members who gather here to celebrate the 1997 Commencement Exercises of the Bryant College Graduate School.

Academic Procession

The audience is requested to remain standing through the Invocation.

Marshals

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| Chief Marshall | Professor Elaine Notarantonio |
| Graduates Marshall | Professor Sam Mirmirani |
| Faculty Marshall | Professor Lawrence Witner |
| Platform Marshall | Professor John Quinn |

College Mace Bearer

Professor Joseph Ilacqua

The National Anthem

Soloist: Cecelia Rodi

Invocation

The Rabbi Lawrence Silverman
Bryant College Jewish Chaplain

Presiding

Ronald K. Machtley
President of Bryant College

John E. Wolfe
Chair of the Board of Trustees, Bryant College

The display of international flags was originally created as a gift from Priscilla Angelo and her husband, John Eng-Wong, friends of Bryant.

The flags represent the countries of our students, faculty, and alumni body.

To welcome our new alumni from other cultures, graduates from foreign countries are invited to exchange their native flags with the president.

President Machtley

Patrick J. Keeley
Professor of English

Joanna T. Lau

Raymond W. Iannetta '71

Dr. Diana Brigham Beaudoin
Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs

Joanna T. Lau

Dr. Beaudoin

Jack Huebsch
Director of Graduate Programs

Presentation of Diploma Cases

President Machtley

Alumni Greetings

Ernest A. Almonte '78, '85MST

Trustee and President, National Alumni Council

Presentation of Graduate Student Faculty Award

Introduction: Shashi Nagpal

The Bryant College Alma Mater

(audience invited to join in)

Throughout Our Lives: An Anthem for Bryant College

*Bryant College, Black and Gold;
Your arms embrace us, young and old.
Though we be near; Though we be far;
We will remember throughout our lives.*

*What's to come is still unsure;
But memories will long endure.
Strong in our hearts, Strong in our minds,
Strong and undying throughout our lives.*

*Alma Mater, hear our song;
From sons and daughters thousands strong.
Day after day, Year after year,
You will be with us throughout our lives.*

Composer: Richard Cumming, Adjunct Professor of Music

*Knowledge, learning, work and play;
Our minds will grow from day to day.
All that we learn, All that we know,
Always will be with us through our lives.*

*Dear companions, classmates, friend;
Who knows where you and I will end?
Dear for a term, Dear for a year,
Dearest of all lasting through our lives.*

*Adjournment of the 1997 Graduate School
Commencement Ceremony*

John E. Wolfe

Benediction

The Reverend Philip Devens
Bryant College Protestant Chaplain

Recessional

Please remain in place until the platform members
and faculty leave the Commencement area.

Reception

The entire assembly is cordially invited to attend a reception on the plaza
in front of the gymnasium immediately following the graduation ceremony.

Graduates will receive a gift from the Graduate Student Association at the reception.

Honorary Degree Recipient

Joanna T. Lau

Doctor of Business Administration



President of LAU Technologies, manufacturer of electronic systems for U.S. military and commercial applications. Professional experiences range from commercial to military system design and manufacturing operations; earned GE Aircraft Engine's "Young Engineering Award" in 1987; The New England Council's First Annual Leadership Award to Women in Business in 1993; 1995 National Turnaround Entrepreneur of the Year by Inc. magazine; 1995 Small-Business Person of the Year for Massachusetts; 1997 Boston Chamber of Commerce Pinnacle Award for achievement in business. Immigrated from Hong Kong in 1976 and obtained U.S. citizenship. Earned B.S. from the State University of New York at Stony Brook, M.S. from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va., and M.B.A. from Boston University.

Certificate Of Advanced Graduate Study

Jung Woo Chung
Paul Francis Dillon Jr.
Christopher Robert Maloof

ManMohan Mehrotra
Shafi Shilad
Paul Michael Vicario

Master of Business Administration

John Paul Addressi
Nina Ann Albanese, *Honors*
Benjamin Michael Algeo
Rhonda Armes
Stanley A. Bailey
Paul R. Beausoleil
Reinaldo J. Bello
Peter Berthelette
Virginie Blin
Sophie Boscariol
Anthony A. Botelho
Susan Marie Boucher
James E. Brenne
Michael Joseph Bucci
Jeffrey Caleshu
Donna Marie Capoverde *
Juan F. Cardona
Maria Cecchi *
Todd C. Chamberlain
Glenn R. Clark *
Tanya Cofresi
Eric Andre Cohen

Wayne D. Comeau
Donna McKeen Condon, *Honors*
Jeffrey John Cordeiro
Todd Edward Anthony Costa
Paul L. Desautels
Robert P. Desrochers
Michael DiSandro III *
Elizabeth A. Donahue *
Heather Suzanne DuCasse *
Stephanie Eddleston
Joan M. Fasano *
Catherine Flaherty
Scott A. Franco
John E. Gage
Christine M. Gage
Christine Gaudron
Carmel Gerstner
Gail Marie Giambazi
Theresa Goldstein
Marilyn Grace Gorman
Kenneth Goulart
Robert E. Hamilton

β Beta Gamma Sigma
Honor Society
* tentative August
graduate

Marie J. Hebert *
 Cassy Hee
 Deena Marie Horne
 Diane E. Howes *
 Jason Michael Jolin
 Michael D. Kasparian
 Kerry Jean Kelley
 Kevin George Kelly, *Honors* *
 Mary Ellen Kennedy, *Honors* *
 Kim Marie Kenney *
 Julie Knodler
 Stephen Kogut
 Kathleen M. Kruczek
 Kevin D. L'Heureux
 Benoit Lamirault dit Martin
 Steven R. LaPorte *Honors*, β , *
 Suzanne H. Larson, *Honors*, β *
 Cathleen M. Lavery, *Honors*
 Natalie Leonard
 Jeremiah Francis Long Jr.
 Nancy Elizabeth Luz
 John Daniel Macdonald III
 Mary A. MacIntosh, *Honors*, β
 Benoit Magon De La Giclais
 Christel Maignant
 Caroline Marie Patricia Manchin
 Stephen M. Mancini
 Michael Christopher Manty
 Roger N. Martin
 Joyce E. Masse
 Scott Masson
 Shelly Masson
 Paul W. McAfee

Michael McCarthy
 David A. McHugh
 Maria C. Mento
 Linda A. Merandi
 Andrew P. Meservey
 Maureen Elizabeth Miller
 Tammie Miller
 Lisa A. Minassian
 Claudia J. Montaquila
 Michelle Morin
 Mary Ellen Nadeau
 Shashi B. Nagpal
 Catherine Frances Nassa
 Christine M. O'Reilly-Stewart *
 Christina M. Palian
 Joseph Michael Pedorella
 Kellie Renee Pereira
 Queenie Nqt Phan
 Anna Marie Pierce *
 Donald Joseph Pierce *
 Mary Ann Pietrantozzi *
 John Peter Pietrella
 Ann Marie Plichta
 Prichya Prachong
 Ronald F. Puchala
 Helen Gloria Racine
 Douglas P. Rapose
 Sean Michael Reardon
 Herbert A. Reigstad, *Honors*
 Martin E. Rheault
 Paul J. Ruggieri
 Donna L. Salley
 Richard David Scali

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 Honor Society

* tentative August
 graduate

James M. Schauer
Brian Anthony Silven
Kristen Simoneau
Eithne J. Smith, *Honors*, β
Sitthimet Solthong
Tina Jaye Stiles *
Norman G. Tashash *
Jean-Baptiste Tourte
Robert D. Tramm
Tricia Elizabeth Truscott
Virginia Grace Unkel
Natalya Alexandrovna Ushakova
Robert Valvo

Johannes Van Der Wal III
Diane J. Vien
Ronald Alan Vien
Wade M. Walbrun
Susan Lynn Wantuch
Jean Brotherson Way
Lisa M. Westerman
Lee H. Whittier
Jennifer L. Wilson
Joshua David Winston
Judith S. Wynne, *Honors*, β
Kinga M. Zapotoczny *

Master of Science in Accounting

Donna Patricia Rounds, *Honors*, β

Master of Science in Taxation

Mary-Evelyn Antonetti, *Honors*
Edward Leon Buck
Denise A. Cabral
John Albert Cacchiotti Jr.
Donna C. Caccia
Mark Vincent Caccia
Ronald Clay Cardoza
Joseph R. DeQuattro
James F. Driscoll
Michelle Lynn Driscoll

Carl B. Fisette
Christopher L. Franklin
Gail A. Gencarella
Toni Ann Leonardo Gubata
Robert G. Hadley Jr.
Paul A. Hassie
Ann Hernandez
Patricia A. Hertzfeld, *Honors*
Donald D. Hubert Jr.
Mark Jones

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Keith Lacy
Denise L. Languirand
Robert George Manny *
Ann Marie Michaud
Lisa J. Palin
Michael Pendergast, *Honors*
Janice C. Preston

Robert V. Stearns
Daniel J. Sweeney
Marc D. Tondreau *
Julieanne D. Wade
David Whare
Edward L. Wrobel, *Honors*

Honor Society

β Beta Gamma Sigma

A member inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma from among the masters students must have earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.75 or above, and be ranked in the upper twenty percent of those receiving the masters degree during the year. Those masters students who have previously been inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma membership as undergraduates and who rank in the upper 20 percent of those receiving the masters degree, must be inducted in the 20 percent limitation referred to in the Bylaws.

Alumni Charge

Commencement is not an ending, but a beginning. Your relationship with your Alma Mater will not end today, but rather evolve into a new form. In Latin, Alma Mater means "fostering mother" and alumnus meant originally "foster child."

Your relationship with your parents doesn't end the day you leave home; rather, as you gain your independence, your ties with your family become centered around mutual respect, affection and moral support. So it is with your relationship to Bryant College. As you move out with hope and courage into your careers or further education, you will want to maintain close ties with your Alma Mater.

The vehicle for maintaining these ties is the Bryant College Alumni Association. Through this organization you will be able to stay in touch with the friends you have made here, at class reunions and at local alumni chapter events. You will also be able to utilize the resources of Bryant College as you develop your career path. You, in turn, will become a resource for the College. Our alumni serve on various College committees, curriculum advisory councils, and on the Board of Trustees. We also help to maintain and advance the excellent reputation of this school through volunteer efforts on behalf of admission, career development, educational programs, and fund raising. Through the Alumni Association, you play a significant part in enhancing Bryant College's ability to attract quality faculty, administration, and students.

So today the Alumni Association extends to you an invitation to begin a life-long relationship with your Alma Mater. Stay in touch. Let the Alumni Office know where you are, and what your latest accomplishments are. Get involved with local alumni chapters. And through your individual support and work with other alumni, help keep Bryant College an outstanding institution for future generations. Your efforts will help insure that years from now you will still be able to point with pride to your graduation from Bryant College.

We extend to you and your family and friends our congratulations and our warmest welcome to a proud Bryant family.

Bryant College Alumni Association

Academic Heraldry

The history of academic dress worn today dates back to the universities of the Middle Ages. A statute of 1321 required the wearing of gowns by all scholars and clerics. Probably the warm gown and hood were practical in the unheated buildings.

Students at most American universities wore caps and gowns daily while in residence until after the Civil War. These varied in design until they were standardized by the American Inter-collegiate Commission in 1895. While the academic costume code has been modified over the years, the general characteristics of the initial requirements still prevail. The uniform system of academic heraldry serves to indicate the level of degree, the field of study in which it was earned, and the institution by which it was granted. The gown for the bachelor's degree has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. The gown for the master's degree has an oblong sleeve and can be worn open or closed. The gown for the doctor's degree has bell-shaped sleeves with black velvet facing down the front and three bars of the same across the sleeves. However, these facings and crossbars may be in the color distinctive of the subject to which the degree pertains. At Bryant College, the president and the honorary degree recipients wear gowns especially designed and trimmed in the College color of gold.

The academic hoods are lined with the color of the university granting the degree. The border of the hood is in the color of the discipline in which the degree was earned. For example, colors associated with different subjects include: light brown (or sapphire blue) for commerce, accountancy, business; copper for economics; light blue for education; peacock blue for public administration; purple for law; and white for arts, letters, humanities.

The length of the hood varies slightly for bachelor's and master's, and doctor's degree. Today, the hood for those receiving bachelor's and master's degrees has been replaced by the mortarboard or cap with long tassels in black or in the color appropriate to the subject. It is often the tradition of the candidates for degrees to wear the tassel on the right front side before the degree is conferred and to shift it to the left when the degree is awarded.

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The Harriet C. Jacobs Memorial Mace

The College Mace is carried at Commencement exercises and at other College celebrations. Crowned in gold, the mace has the two dominant emblems of the institution: the seal of the State of Rhode Island and the seal of Bryant College.

The President's Chair

The President's Chair, a gift to the College from Priscilla Angelo and her husband, John Eng-Wong, is used on ceremonial occasions. It is a walnut Victorian style gent's chair copied from an original French design from the period of the College's founding in 1863. The carved crest top includes the Bryant College bronze seal.

Bryant Medallion

The Bryant Medallion is worn by the president during academic ceremonies such as Commencement, Convocation, and the bestowal of honorary degrees. One side of the medallion bears a likeness of the College seal, the other, the names of all Bryant College presidents. The formal installation of presidents is marked by the presentation of the medallion by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees to the president.

The Bryant Seal

The Bryant Seal represents the educational mission of the College and its worldwide implications. The central symbol is an ellipsoid globe with quills on each side to signify the traditional emblem of communication in business. In the center, behind the globe, is a torch symbolizing liberty, the spirit of free inquiry, academic freedom, and learning. The Archway, forming the background for the globe, torch, and quills, is a College landmark affectionately remembered by thousands of alumni. The Latin motto expresses the purpose of the College: "Educando Dirigere Mercaturam" – Education for Business Leadership.

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If during the ceremonies the weather should become life-threatening, the president will bring the program to an immediate conclusion. Diploma cases which remain undistributed will be made available in the Gymnasium.